unhappy controversy that has arisen between me and the comtainsion. The parties directly involved in this controversy are Judge Beverly Crump, chairman of the commission; John A. Upshur, its chief clerk, and myself, the first assistant clerk.

The memorandum calling for my resignation bases that call entirely upon

ignation bases that call entirely upon irreconcitable differences between the chief clerk and myself and its resultant injury to the public interests. Judge Crump has subsequently repeatedly stated that this was the sole cause. In his public statement, however, he has shifted his position, and now gives as the raison de'etre for all the troubles and the cause of the call for my resignation to be my connection with the Virginia Corporation Company, Incorporated. It, therefore, becomes necessary for me to state just what that company is and all the facts concerning my connection with it.

The New Company.

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As the result of my experience and observation as an officer of the commission, I became convinced that by reason of the liberal corporation laws of Virginia there was a good field in this Blate for a company organized on the principles of such companies in the State of New Jersey and other States, where they have operated with great success. About the first of January of this year I drafted a project or scheme for the organization of such a company, and immediately went with it to Judge Crump, chairman of the commission, and laid it before him with the statement that I wanted the proposition laid before the commissioners, and that if there was the slightest objection on the part of any of them to my promoting of any of them to my promoting organization of and holding stock the organization of and holding stock in such a company. I would instantly drop the whole matter. Judge Crump appeared to be deeply interested and impressed with the scheme. He made some suggestions in regard to the statement in the project, which were subsequently changed to meet his ideas. He stated his surprise that some one had not taken up the matter before, and expressed most emphatically his belief that the company would prove not only a good thing for the stockholders, but would aid the commission temendously in systematizing its work, and would result in increasing the revenues of the state by the charter business it would create.

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Upon the conclusion of our conversation and after receiving his most hearty
and enthusiastic approval, I said to him:
"Judge, don't you think I had now
better present this matter to Mr. Stuart
and Mr. Fairfax?" and his reply was:
"No; there is no use in that." With
this endorsement and approval of the
chairman of the commission, I approached the gentiemen, who are now the
stockholders, officers and directors of
the company, and without the slightest
yifficulty raised the capital and organized the company.

Judge Crump makes light, in his statement, of the 100 share of stock he took in the company. I desire to say that there is only one stockholder in the company who owns stock in excess of one share, for which money was pridd. The public is told that he took this one share out of friendliness to me and to help me along. I made no appeal to Judge Crump for any help or favors, nor did I need any, for I could have raised five times the capital stock without his help, and in permitting him to take a share of stock he seemed to regard it as a privilege I was extending him, and one which he most eagerly availed himself of.

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tells the public that the differ-between Upshur and myself were ely adequate reasons for asking for esignation without taking the time trouble demanded by a formal tigation, and which might result in ag upon me a stigma, which would njust.

be unjust.

If this were true, I should be ashamed, if I were he, to admit it, for it is a confession that I, whom he had said was his friend, and had been of infinite help and relief to him in the dead unceremoniously kicked out of the commission. These files of the commission. These files are open, by authority of law, to exami-

We Will Give

mi jon upon an ex parte statement of Upshur, with no opportunity to be heard in my own defense, and prove, as I could have done, that the "irreconcilable differences" were wholly and entirely of Upshur's own creation; and this statement, too, from a man who sits in the judgment seat to administer justice and is supposed to know the law and the principles enunciated in the immortal Bill of Rights.

But this is not the truth, Judge Crump. It was not out of any tender régard for me, but because you owned stock in the Virginia Corporation Company and did not want that fact brought to the knowledge of your colleagues in the commission. You permitted me to stand up before the commission at the informal heading that was had and bear the burden and responsibility of this company, with no word from me as to your connection with it, and you sat in silence and your colleagues never knew of your connection with this company until I brought it to their attention in my petition asking to be heard on the questions at issue, after the request for my resignation.

While this company has a very broad charter, its primary purposes and the only ones exercised by it are to represent existing corporations, performing for them the various duties the law exacts from them, and procuring charters and organizing corporations a possible office.

My Relation With the Company.

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My sense of obligation as a public offi-cer, which guided and constrained me in all my subsequent relations with the company after its organization is summed on my subsequent relations with the company after its organization is summed up in the concluding paragraph of the prospectus of the company hereinbefore referred to, and which Judge Crump saw and approved of, and with a knowledge of which the stockholders invested their money, viz: "By reason of my official connection with the State Corporation Commission. I cannot, with propriety, have any official connection with the company, but I can with propriety hold stock in the company, and in many ways render it invaluable services without neglect of my official duties, or utilizing any information that is not open to the public and that I would not upon request, give and that I would not, upon request, give



MAJOR A. S. LANIER.

to any one, though I am under no legal or official obligation to volunteer such information. I am assured that the State Corporation Commission will welcome the organization of such a company, as it will make for uniformity in its methods, and immensely lighten its already too onerous duties.

After first obtaining the approval, consent and authority of Judge Crump, as stated, I also submitted to Mr. John A. Upshur the entire plans for the organization of the company, including a copy of the proposed charter and prospectus, just as I had done to Judge Crump. It also met with his entire approbation—he, too, stating that it was, in his judgment, a splendid scheme that would help the commission in its work, and increase the revenues of the State.

Relation to the Company.

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nation by the public, as are all the records of the commission. This list was made with the kowledge and approval of Judge Crump and Mr. Upshur, Mr. Upshur being present a considerable portion of the time when hims work was done, and manifesting much interest in the welfare of the company, and making frequent inquiries as to its success.

2. I gave to a representative of the company from time to time some few penell memorandums of the names and addresses of parties who wrote to the commission about getting charters or amendments of charters, together with a brief notation of the purport of the letters. In replying to these letters in my official capacity, I took particular pains to write to the parties inquiring with great fullness and particularly, sending copies of the laws in pamphlet form, so that they would not, through any dereliction on my part, be forced or induced to utilize the services of this company, and the files of the commission will fully sustain this statement. The object of giving the company these names was to enable it to send the parties its literature in regard to its State. In addition thereto, I did on several occasions dictate a few letters to the stenographer assigned me by the commission in regard to the business of this company, which were written, with two exceptions, by the stenographer outside of office hours, and signed by an officer of the commany. The exceptions belief its

time. My reply was that if attention to my own business and respect for the rights of others would enable me to do so rights of others would enable me to do so I should have no trouble with him. Having been thus warned, the first thing I did upon assuming my official duties was to approach Mr. Upshur in a spirit of conciliation, and with assurance that I was ready and desired to co-operate heartly mall the work of the commission, and to do anything to promote the same and further its best interests. My greeting from him was: "I want to be very candid, sir, and tell you that you were not the man I wanted here."

I had supposed that I was employed by the commission, and not by Mr. Upshur, and while his manner and statement was very offensive, I let it pss without comment, remembering my resolution to get along with him if possible. For some little time after my advent with the commission his manner was anything but pleasant, but by pattent, continued and uniform courtesy, I finally disarmed his antipathies, and to all outward appearances he became very fiendly indeed.

The Bureau of Charters.

The Bureau of Charters. It now becomes necessary for me to mention an event in my life so infinitely tender and sucred that it would seem to have no place or part in a controversy involving injustice, bitterness and discord, and its necessity, as throwing some light unon our relations, is my only ex-

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